## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Previously Presented) The wrapper paper according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the calcium carbonate is contained in the wrapper paper in an amount of 30 g/m<sup>2</sup> to 50 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The wrapper paper according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the burn adjusting agent is contained in the wrapper paper in an amount of 3 to 15% by mass.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The wrapper paper according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the burn adjusting agent is selected from the group consisting of potassium citrate and sodium citrate.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A wrapper paper for a smoking article, which decreases an amount of visible sidestream smoke of tobacco, the wrapper paper containing:

at least 30 g/m<sup>2</sup> of calcium carbonate, and

at least 3% by mass of a burn adjusting agent,

wherein an ash content in a surface layer on at least one side of the wrapper paper is not higher than 35% by mass, and

wherein the <u>percentage of</u> ash content in the surface layer is lower than a total <u>percentage</u> of ash content of the paper.

6. (Currently Amended) A wrapper paper for a smoking article, which decreases an amount of visible sidestream smoke of tobacco, the wrapper paper containing:

at least 30 g/m<sup>2</sup> of calcium carbonate, and

at least 3% by mass of a burn adjusting agent,

wherein an ash content in a surface layer on each of a top side and a bottom side of the wrapper paper is not higher than 35% by mass, and

wherein the <u>percentage of</u> ash content in the surface layer is lower than a total <u>percentage</u> of ash content of the paper.

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